

BROOKLYN VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2015

The Oct 21, 2015, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:00 pm at the Village Hall by President Pat Hawkey. Trustees present were Kyle Smith, Russell Cazier, and Todd Klahn. Trustees absent were Zach Leavy, Sue McCallum, and Heather Kirkpatrick. Others present were Clerk Strause, Chief Barger, PW Director Langer, John Marx, Dan Dean, and several Fire/EMS crew members.

A **five year extension proposal from Pellitteri Waste Systems** was reviewed. Our current contract expires 12/31/15. Pellitteri is offering two proposals: "A" option increases the cost \$.13 per month in 2016 and \$.25 per month each year 2017-2020 with the condition that the current required Letter of Credit be reduced to \$15,000 (currently \$75,000). Option "B" reduces the 2016 monthly charges based on not having a Letter of Credit. This would reduce the cost by \$.06 per month in 2016 and add \$.25 per month (\$3.00 annual) each year 2017-2020. Trustee Smith moved to approve Option "B". Motion died for lack of a second. Trustee Klahn moved, second Smith, carried to approve Option "A" to extend a five year refuse contract as stated above.

At 6:15 p.m., Trustee Smith moved to **Convene to Closed Session Pursuant to WI Stats 19.85(1)(g)Conferring with legal counsel who is rendering oral or written advice concerning Fire/EMS District contract.** At 7:25 p.m., Trustee Klahn moved, second Smith, carried to reconvene to open session.

2016 BUDGET Proposals: General Fund, Water Utility, Sewer Utility, Debt Service Fund, Special Revenue Fund, Mt. Hope Cemetery Fund, Capital Projects Fund, TIF Funds #1 & 2: Levy Limits/debt schedules, Fire & EMS Budgets, Joint Municipal Court Budget, Oregon Senior Center all were reviewed and open for discussion. Clerk Strause gave an overview on the budgets and levy limits. Currently \$53,058 needs to be cut to make levy limits. The levy limit worksheet was reviewed and includes \$188,299 for debt and additional \$8757 for the Brooklyn-Belleville Joint Municipal Court services for a total allowable levy of \$816,135. After review, items removed are monthly newsletter - \$2600, website update -\$2500, email retention for all accounts -\$3000, adding \$10,000 revenue in **Capital Projects Fund** for possible LRIP street project, -\$10,992 for part-time public works employee on the General Fund and taking the full amount to the utilities. Also discussed was removing the cost of a ¾ ton truck to replace the 1999 Pickup with plow, cost of which is budgeted one-third each (\$14,250) in Capital Projects, Water & Sewer Utility Funds. Revenue from the sale of the truck would be applied to the cost of the new one. Keeping the 1999 truck and purchasing a half ton with no plow was discussed. President Hawkey stated per our attorney's letter of 10/19/2015 that was sent to the **District Fire/EMS Board** because the building loan was refinanced in 2015 and is no longer a Revenue Bond loan, the District EMS Board cannot exceed the \$15.00 per capita per the current contract. In order for the Village to NOT be in breach of contract, the Village will pay the \$15.00 per capita with a donation up to the same amount as last year, \$40.00 per capita. This will be re-evaluated when a new contract is approved for all municipalities in the Fire/EMS District. Belleville's Village President, Roger Hillebrand, talked about the **Joint Belleville-Brooklyn Municipal Court expenses** which have doubled the cost for Brooklyn. Per the contract, the joint court committee was to meet to discuss the budget but have not done so. The proposed 2016 budget was put together by the Judge and Belleville staff. Hillebrand stated the Village has until November to pull out of the joint agreement as December starts the nomination process for the joint Municipal Court Judge between both Villages. The Judge's term is four years and would start May 2016. **Oregon Senior Center**-\$20,386 proposed has not changed from the last meeting. 2015 cost was \$19,978. **Oregon Youth Center** services were discussed. This is for 5th grade youth through high school. They are asking for \$3800 in 2016, the same rate as 2015. How many youth attend, services, budget breakdown with revenues, are there certified tutors, how many employees, if background checks are done are questions needing answers. Trustee Cazier moved, second Hawkey to remove the \$3800 from the budget with voting as follows: AYE: Cazier, Hawkey, NAY: Smith, Klahn. Motion voted down. Diane Newlin, Director of the Oregon Youth Center, will be asked to attend the Nov 9th Board meeting to further discuss.

Dan Dean, EMS Director, stated he would be glad to answer any questions. President Hawkey stated issues are with the **District Board** and not with the **EMS** with the District contract being questioned after our attorney's legal opinion. Trustee Klahn requested monthly updates, i.e., # of runs, coverage. Dean stated he would provide this data. Hawkey stated accountability for service provided/not provided is needed. The Village appreciates the volunteers

but is concerned over the lack of 24/7 coverage and the need for a plan to provide this coverage with more accountability.

Discussion and action regarding **removal/appointment/confirmation of the Village's Fire/EMS District Commissioner** was had. Trustee Smith moved, second Cazier, carried to remove Roland Arndt as the Village's Fire/EMS District Commissioner. Cazier, moved, second Smith, carried to appoint President Hawkey to this position. A letter will be sent to Arndt thanking him for his years of service to the community. Notification will also be given to the District Secretary.

At 8:40 p.m., Cazier moved, second Klahn, carried to Convene to **Closed Session Pursuant to WI Stats 19.85 (1)(e) to discuss Client negotiations for Business Complex-TID#2**. The Board did not reconvene to open session and adjourned in closed session at 9:50 p.m. per motion by Smith, second Klahn, carried.

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